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Mr. Toby Henry
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Chauvin, La. 70344

**Re: Louisiana Board of Ethics Docket No. 2021-884
Advisory Opinion**

Dear Mr. Henry:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its December 3, 2021 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit you, as the recently-elected Justice of the Peace for Terrebonne Parish Ward 7, from continuing to teach medical classes at the Houma Fire Department.

FACTS PROVIDED

You stated that for many years either you or your company, Southern Training Consultants, has contracted with the Houma Fire Department to provide medical instruction. You stated that you own 33% of Southern Training Consultants. Further, you provided that there is no overlap between the services you provide as Justice of the Peace and as medical instructor. You stated that at no time in your official duties as Justice of the Peace would an issue regarding the Houma Fire Department ever arise.

LAW

La. R.S. 42:1167 provides that judges, as defined by the Code of Judicial Conduct, shall be governed exclusively by the provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct, which is administered by the Judiciary Commission.

CONCLUSION

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that ethics for Louisiana Justices of the Peace are enforced by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, the Lobbyist Disclosure Acts, and the conflict of interest provisions contained in the Louisiana Gaming Control Law. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Suzanne Quinlan Mooney
For the Board

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